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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: ASEC, SNAR

SUBJ: REPORT OF COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY

REF: KATHMANDU 3002

1. ON AUGUST 30, 1976, INTERPOL SECTION, COMMONWEALTH POLICE FORCE, CANBERRA, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. "ON 28 AUGUST 1975 A PHILIPPE GERMAIN GASTINE, BORN 30 OCTOBER 1948, FRANCE, DEPARTED FROM BRISBANE AIRPORT ON BOARD AIR PACIFIC FLIGHT FJ 704 TO NOUMEA ACCOMPANED BY ONE RITA ANNA VETTIGER, BORN 28 SEPTEMBER 1949, SWITZERLAND.

3. "GASTINE WAS DESCRIBED AS 1.68M TALL, OF MEDIUM BUILD WITH BLACK HAIR, A MOUSTACHE AND WEARING TINTED SPECTACLES. HE WAS SAID TO BE WELL DRESSED AND SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH.

4. "THE SUBJECT HAD A VISA FOR AUSTRALIA ISSUED IN BANGKOK AND THE QANTAS TICKET ON WHICH HE TRAVELLED WAS FOR JOURNEY BRISBANE/NOUMEA THEN OPEN TO NANDI. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT

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THE TICKET WAS EXCHANGED FROM AN EARLIER PAN AMERICAN

AIR TICKET FROM BANGKOK TO WELLINGTON AND THIS IN TURN HAD EARLIER BEEN EXCHANGED FROM APOLYNESIAN AIRWAYS TICKET. IT MAY BE OF INTEREST THAT THE PAN AMERICAN TICKET IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY THE AGENT AT UTAPAO AIR FORCE BASE IN THAILAND.

5. "WE ARE OF COURSE UNABLE TO CONFIRM THAT THE ABOVE PERSON IS IDENTICAL WITH THE MAN MENTIONED IN YOUR PAPERS BECAUSE OF THE PAUCITY OF INFORMATION. IT IS HOWEVER NOTED THAT THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE TWO PERSONS ARE SIMILAR AND ALSO THAT BANGKOK WOULD BE A LOGICAL STOPOVER POINT FOR A PERSON TRAVELING FROM NEPAL TO AUSTRALIA."

6. POLICE HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS REPORT BE TREATED AS "CONFIDENTIAL-POLICE USE ONLY," AND WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY INFORMATION TENDING TO CONFIRM OR REFUTE A CONNECTION BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL IN THEIR REPORT AND THE ONE MENTIONED IN REFERENCE.  
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